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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during August, down 9 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,618,000 birds, down 7 percent from 4,958,000 a year ago. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,079 eggs, compared with 2,138 in 2006.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.57 billion during August 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2007 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,229 eggs, down slightly from August 2006.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION INCREASES

During the month of August, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.4 million chicks, up 5 percent from last year's 19.5 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during August 2007 totaled 829 million, up 2 percent from August 2006. Eggs in incubators totaled 670 million on September 1, 2007 up 2 percent from a year earlier.